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SUBJECT: ROK TO COUNTER DPRK LOBBYING

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1. MOFA HAS TOLD US ROK DIPLOMATIC POSTS WILL BE RESPONDING TO CURRENT WAVE OF NORTH KOREAN SPECIAL MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRYING MESSAGE ASKING FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE AGAINST THE ROK. ACCORDING TO UN DIVISION CHIEF LEE, MOFA REGARDS AS SERIOUS KIM IL SUNG'S APPEAL TO HEADS OF STATE FOR SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA'S POSITION AGAINST THE ROK DIPLOMATICALLY AND OF A UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES FROM KOREA (REF A.). NORTH KOREAN MESSAGE DOES NOT SAY SPECIFICALLY WHAT PYONGYANG'S INTENTIONS ARE FOR 29TH UNGA. HOWEVER, MOFA IS CONCERNED AND HAS INSTRUCTED ROK MISSIONS ABROAD TO COUNTER THE NORTH KOREAN LOBBYING.

2. AT THIS STAGE, PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF ROK DIPLOMATIC EFFORT WILL BE TO STRENGTHEN ROK CREDIBILITY VIS-A-VIS THAT OF THE NORTH. LEE SAID ROK IN PARTICULAR WISHES
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TO REBUT NORTH KOREAN CONTENTION THAT ROK IS SIDING

WITH IMPERIALISTS AGAINST THIRD WORLD. THEREFORE,
ROK AMBASSADORS IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN VISITED BY
NORTH KOREAN MISSIONS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE
REPRESENTATIONS TO HOST GOVERNMENT, CITING
AS APPROPRIATE:

A. GENERAL ROK SYMPATHY FOR NONALIGNED MOVEMENT,

B. STATEMENT OF ROK SUPPORT FOR UN SPECIAL SESSION
RESOLUTION,

C. ROK SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS,

D. ROK MIDDLE EAST POLICY, AND

E. POSSIBLE ROK RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU (REF B.).

3. TO DEFEND ROK AGAINST NORTH KOREAN CHARGE
THAT SOUTH IS INSINCERE IN APPROACH TO PEACEFUL SOLUTION
OF KOREAN PROBLEM, LEE SAID AMBASSADORS WILL REVIEW ROKG
POSITION ON UNIFICATION OF KOREA. LEE NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT MOST COUNTRIES BY NOW ARE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH
THE ARGUMENTS OF THE TWO KOREAS ON THIS QUESTION.

4. LEE SAID AMBASSADORS WILL MAKE NO SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO FUTURE OF UNC, TO POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS
ON KOREA OR TO HANDLING OF KOREAN QUESTION AT NEXT UNGA.
RATHER WILL MERELY NOTE CONTENTS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION
AT 28TH UNGA. UNTIL PYONGYANG SHOWS ITS HAND MORE
CLEARLY REGARDING UPCOMING UNGA, LEE SAID, ROK WILL
SEEK TO PERSUADE COUNTRIES THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR
UN TO INVOLVE ITSELF WITH KOREA QUESTION THIS YEAR.

5. LEE SAID THAT MOFA IS IN PROCESS OF PROGRAMMING
A LARGE NUMBER OF SPECIAL MISSIONS TO MATCH THE
DIPLOMATIC EFFORT BY PYONGYANG.
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